GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SPARE PARTS FOR SEA KING HELICOPTER FROM BRITAIN
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Britain has received approval of the US Government for supplying spare parts of Sea King Helicopter to Indian Navy after taking over the charge by new President in America;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the time by which the Indian Navy is likely to receive spare parts of the Sea King Helicopter as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): On 19th January, 2001, a Presidential Determination of Waiver ofSanctions for the transfer of Select US Munitions List US Origin Helicopter spare parts from the United Kingdom to India was issued by the President of USA.This would pave the way for M/s. GKN WHL, UK to return 33 components by type amounting to 169 items of Sea King Helicopters which are held quarantined by them to India on account of Sanctions. However, this limited Waiver of Sanctions will not enable M/s. GKNWHL, UK to supply spares or provide product support for Seaking Helicopters as these are not covered under the Presidential Determination.

(c) No time frame has yet been intimated by the OEM for return of 33 components by type totalling 169 items.